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SPECIAL NOTE BY EDITOR: If you are having a problem receiving bounced mail by sending mail to me via " kb8nw@barf80.nshore.org ", please send mail to me via "kb8nw@arrl.net" TNX de Tedd KB8NW

1SL1A, SEALAND (More on this interesting upcoming operation. DX IS...). Jon "JT" Utley, K7CO (1SL1J), has informed OPDX that the **1SL1A** operation will take place between **December 9-12th**. Activity will be on 80-10 meters. The WARC bands and 160 meters are being considered. The 1SL1A operation will be active during the ARRL 10 Meter Contest. Jon mentions that the license from the government has been issued. He also states the following: "For those that are wondering about using the prefix 1SL... As some of you know in the past 1S has been used for Spratly. This prefix bloc is not reserved for Spratly but used because the area is in dispute over who owns the area. Sealand is also in dispute. I will list links below that touch on the international debate over Sealand's claim. Any comments regarding your research of Sealand are welcome. We have created the Radio Amateur Association of the Principality of Sealand and our goals are to become a member of the IARU and eventually the ITU." Again, for more information and details, check the following Web sites: <http://www.sealandgov.com/> <http://www.fruitofthesea.demon.co.uk/sealand/index.html> <http://www.nielsen.net/1sl/> Here is an ABC News article on Sealand.. Click on the picture for a video news story using realplayer video. <http://more.abcnews.go.com/sections/tech/dailynews/sealand000606.html> ADDED NOTE: OPDX has learned that an operation took place from Sealand in 1982 by four German ham operators (DF8AO, DK8KW, DL6PE and DL2NO). They used the callsigns S1AH, S1AB, S1AS and S1AD.

3B8, MAURITIUS. Sigi, DL7DF, will be active as **3B8/DL7DF** between now **through November 16th**. Please note that this is only a vacation, NOT a DXpedition! Expect only some occasional activity. Sigi will have a TS-50, a linear as well as Titanex V80 low band vertical. QSL via the bureau to DL7DF or direct to: Sigi Presch, DL7DF, Wilhelmsmuehlenweg 123, D-12621 Berlin, Germany. The DL7DF homepage is at: <http://www.qsl.net/dl7df/>

3W, VIETNAM. The Uruguay DX Group/Cram will make a new joint DXpedition this year. This time they will operate from Southern Vietnam. Activity will be from **November 22nd through November 26th**, from Kimdo Hotel in downtown **Ho Chi Minh** (formerly Saigon). The station will be able to use 500 watts into a 3 element yagi. The licence has been issued, but the callsign will not be announced until their arrival due to the possibility of a pirate operation. A well know operator who will be there is, Bert, CX3AN (formerly: CX0XY, VP8BUH, C91BV, P40AN, HR6XX, VP5/CX3AN, ZK1AAN, ZK1CRR, 3D2HA and FO0ALE). QSL Manager is Antoine, F6FNU.

4J, AZERBAIJAN. "The 59(9) DX Report" reports that Bob, N3NGC (ex-EL2RF, A92GD), has left Liberia and is on his way to **Baku** and hopes to obtain a license.

4W6GH QSLS AND MORE. Antonio, CT1EGH/**4W6GH**, reportedly is very busy processing the thousands of QSL cards that he has received and continues to receive. Some have received their QSL, but please be patient. He currently is unsure when he will go back to 4W, but he does state every thing indicates that it should be in **February of 2001**. Antonoi hopes to be active from **Guinea-Bissau (J5)** during **November** sometime. His Web page is at:
<http://www.qsl.net/ct1egh/>

4S, SRI LANKA. Just a quick reminder that Phil, G3SWH, and his XYL will be in Sri Lanka (IOTA **AS-003**) from **November 9-22nd**. Phil has received the licence and callsign **4S7WHG**. They will be travelling extensively during their stay, and Phil hopes to be active on CW only, all bands from 40-10 meters for a few hours at least on most days, circumstances permitting. This will be a holiday type operation with limited activity, although they will spend the last few days relaxing on the beach at **Unawatuna** in the south of the island where Phil hopes to be a little more active. He will have his IC-706 and R-7000 antenna with him. QSLs will be via G3SWH, either direct or via the RSGB bureau.

9M6, EAST MALAYSIA. Timo, OH1NOA, will operate as **9M6AAC** from the Hillview Gardens, **Keningau, Sabah**, during the **CQWW CW Contest** as a Single Op/All Band/High Power entry on **November 25-26th**. QSL via N2OO. Before and after the contest he will try to monitor 6 meters and work some WARC band QSOs. For more details, check the Web site:
<http://www.qsl.net/oh1noa/9m6/9m6aac.htm>

A5, BHUTAN. The JA group that was active this past week is now QRT. However, there has been some confusion on the QSL routes. The original announcement stated to QSL all contacts to JH1NBN. However, this seems to have changed. Before leaving Yuki, JH1NBN, sent out a report and stated that each operator will receive their own callsign and be their own QSL Manager. QSL to the following A5 callsigns and operators:

A52B via JR7TEQ
A52DX via JF1PJK

A52JA via JK1AFI
A52W via JH1NBN

A52XX via JA1PCY

AT0, INDIA. In connection with the **Ham Radio 2000 Convention** to be held at **Hyderabad**, India, in December 2000, the special event station **AT0JH** will be active during some CW and Phone contests. This station was heard this **past weekend** and is expected to be active again (on SSB) from 1830z **November 10th** to 1830z **November 12th**. QSL via Box 15, Secunderabad 500003, India.

CONVENTION PHOTOS. Jean Michel, F6AJA, reports that he has put some photos from the **IOTA/RSGB Convention in Windsor** last **October** on the Yves, F6CYV's, web site at:
<http://home.nordnet.fr/~yverbeke/iotaconv.shtml>

DXCC NEWS (GOOD AND BAD NEWS).....

- **701YGF QSL STATUS.** There was a report that came out this week from Bill Moore, NC1L, DXCC Manager, stating, "I wish I had better news but we still have not received documentation so it is on hold right now."
- **DXCC APPLICATIONS.** It was announced this past week that DXCC applicants no longer have to wonder if their cards and applications made it to the DXCC Desk at ARRL HQ for processing. You can now visit the ARRL Web and look under the "List of DXCC Applications Received" page at: <http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc/appstatus.html> This page lists the pending DXCC applications by callsign. OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive a press release by Wayne Mills, N7NG/1, of Membership Services, on the details about this new Web feature.
- **DXCC FAQ #8.** Bill Moore, NC1L, DXCC Manager, has released another informative FAQ which also deals with the new "DXCC Applications Received" Web page as well as TX0 and 4W cards submissions, DXCC backlog, DXCC Card Checking Program, DXCC Annual List and the status of the DXCC's computer upgrade. This press release will be sent to all OPDX InterNet Subscribers as an additional bulletin.

E3, ERITREA (Operation QRT). Chris/DL5NAM (**E30NA**) and Dieter/DF4RD (**E30TA**) arrived back home on Saturday, November 4th. According to Dieter's press release, they closed the operation down on **October 31st**, making close to 25,000 QSOs. The complete press release will be sent to all OPDX InterNet Subscribers as an additional bulletin. Suggested Web sites for more information on this operation are: <http://www.qsl.net/e30ta/> <http://www.bavarian-contest-club.de> <http://www.uni-erlangen.de/~unrz45/BCC/act/2000/e30/>

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AS-047.** Takeshi, JI3DST, will be active as **JI3DST/6** from **Daitou Island** (Minamidaitou Mura [Minamidaitoujima], Okinawa-ken) **December 30th through January 7th.** Activity will be on 40/17/15/12/10/6 meters SSB. QSL via the JARL (Bureau is Best) or direct to JI3DST: Takeshi "TAKE" Funaki, 2-18-26 Hannan-cho Abeno-ku Osaka-city, OSAKA 545-0021 JAPAN
- **AS-049.** Takeshi, JI3DST, will be active as **JI3DST/6** from **Tokara Archipelago** (Kuchinoshima, Kogashima-ken) **November 23-25th.** Activity will be on 40/17/15/12/10/6 meters SSB. He states that he will use two stations: one for NA and SA on 15/10 meters only; one for EU, AS, AF and OC. QSL via the JARL (Bureau is Best) or direct to JI3DST: Takeshi "TAKE" Funaki, 2-18-26 Hannan-cho Abeno-ku Osaka-city, OSAKA 545-0021 JAPAN
- **OC-169.** By the time you read this, the following operation will be over. However, you may have missed the location that Babs/A35YL and Lot/A35ZG were active from. They were expected to be active from **Haapai-Island** until **November 4th.**

KH5K, KINGMAN REEF. The K5K operation ended on **October 31st** at 1700z. QSL via K4TSJ. For further details and information, and also look for online logs, check the Web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/krpdxg/>

PC50, THE NETHERLANDS (Attention Prefix Hunters - Special Event). The following is an excerpt from a press release (the complete release will be sent to all OPDX InterNet Subscribers as an additional bulletin): On **December 15th**, the Radio Agency of The Netherlands will celebrate the **50th anniversary of former intercontinental radio reception station "NERA"**. During the celebrations, amateur radio will be part of it. Besides, the weekend before the official celebrations, on Saturday/Sunday December 9th and 10th, a special event station will be operated by employees of the Radio Agency. The callsign **PC-50-N** has been applied for. The callblock PC has not been issued to radio amateurs before. Activity will be around the clock, propagation permitting, on CW, SSB or PSK31 on 70cm, 2, 10, 15, 20, 40, 80 and 160 meters. A special QSL card will be awarded to all contacting stations and will be sent by the bureau automatically. SWL reports will be answered too. Please send your reports via bureau, direct or via Email (please keep message size small). Send direct to: Ben Witvliet, PA5BW c/o NERA, Radioweg 3, Nederhorst-den-Berg, The Netherlands Send E-mail to: ben.witvliet@rdr.nl

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- There is a correction to OPDX.482.1 on a QSL route. Joe, W3HNC, states that he is NOT the QSL Manager for **KH7R** and ALL cards should go direct via his (KH7R) callbook address.
- The QSL route for **HB0/DK7ZL** is via HB0/DK7ZL Bureau or Direct. He is NOT the QSL Manager of any other HB0/callsign.
- QSL **II3A** via IV3RAV: Michele Corvino, via San Giacomo, 20, 33034 Fagagna - Udine - Italy.
- QSL **IQ7J** via IK7JWX to the bureau or direct (CBA on qrz.com): P.O. Box 218, 73100 Lecce Italy.
- Jara, DL1YD, states his operation during the CQWW SSB Contest as **OK8YD** should be QSLed to DL1YD (his home callsign). All the QSLs will be QSLed via the bureau anyway. Sending QSLs via the OK bureau is "OK" too, but it will take a little bit more time to receive them.
- QSL **PW7Z** via PY7BEL: Jolibel Alves Andrade, rua. Martinho Fransisco 67, Carpina - Pernambuco - Brasil, cep.55813-541.
- The CWSP - Grupo de CW de Sao Paulo (Sao Paulo CW Group) now hosts the Brazilian ham address search engine. It can be found on the Web page at: <http://www.cwsp.org.br/indexen.htm>
- Tom, SP5UAF, informs OPDX that there has been some delay with printing the QSL cards for their last special event operation as **SP0ZCC** (March/ April 2000) by the Scouts Radio Club (SP5ZCC - <http://www.sp5zcc.waw.pl>). However, all QSLs were sent out at the beginning of October. QSL via SP5ZCC (OK via the bureau).
- Marcel, SP9XWD, informs OPDX that QSL cards for their last special event station operation **SN600UJ** (Sierra November Six Zero Zero United Juliett) have all been sent out via the bureau. QSL via SP9PKZ.
- QSL **T88QG** via JA1QGT. The QSL Manager/Operator for T88QG is Toku, JA1QGT, and he states that he operated from Palau Island. Cards are currently being printed, so please QRX!
- Nilay/TA3YJ and Berkin/TA3J report that on November 3rd the QSL cards for **TA3J**, **TA3YJ** and **YM3LZ** were sent to the following QSL bureaus: Bulgaria, Russia, Spain, Poland, France, Czech Republic, Switzerland, Greece, Austria, Netherlands, Belgium,

United Kingdom, Lithuania, Romania, Portugal, Estonia, Israel, Croatia, Belarus, Luxembourg, Slovakia, Finland, Sweden, Slovenia, Hungary, Ukraine, Norway, Monaco, Andorra, Argentina, Uzbekistan, U.S.A., Canada, Turkey, New Zealand, Brazil, South Korea, Kazakhstan, Japan, Latvia, Colombia, Lebanon, Denmark, Germany and Italy to be given to their radio amateurs.

- Dave, VA3RJ, informs OPDX that the following Web site now contains links to 1700+ on-line logs, and is still growing. Most are searchable logs, while others are text (also searchable with CTRL-F), and a few downloadable logs. It is updated daily. Check out: http://www.qsl.net/va3rj/frame_logs.html Also, check the following Web page for a list (by date) of present, and upcoming, Island (IOTA & NonIOTA), Lighthouse, Castle, and other portable operations. This list is updated daily. Check out: <http://www.qsl.net/va3rj/icpo.html>

SIX METER BEACON UPDATE. Tex, 9M6TO, reports that the **9M2TO/B** has been improved (QRO). The frequency: 50.005 MHz. Power is: 50 watts (as of November 1st at 0000z). The antenna is a GP. All equipment donated by: TX - TS660 by JA1PCM, KEY - AEA MM3 by JA1PCM, AMP - HL66V Tokyo HiPower 50w by 9M2/JI1ETU, ANT - 5/8 GP by 9M2TO, POWER SUPPLY by 9M2KT and COOLING SYSTEM by 9M2KT. It was the MARTS Penang group who made the decision for improvements to the system.

SPECIAL EVENT FROM POLAND.....

- Look for **SN2000C** (Sugar-November-Two-Zero-Zero-Zero-Charlie) to be active from now **until December 31st**. This millenium station hopes to attract activity and will be interesting, especially for prefix hunters. Look for them on all bands (160-2 meters) on CW, SSB, FM, RTTY, PSK31 and SSTV. QSL via SP9PKZ.
- Look for **SP2000S** (Sugar-Papa-Two-Zero-Zero-Zero-Sugar) to be active from **November 10th to December 31st**. This operation will be held to celebrate the **82nd anniversary of regaining independence by Poland**. This is also called the millenium station. They hope their activity will be interesting especially for prefix hunters. Look for them on all bands (160-6 meters) on CW, SSB, FM, RTTY, PSK31, MFSK and SSTV. QSL via SP5ZCC (OK via the bureau).

ZL8, KERMADEC ISLAND. Jacky, ZL3CW (aka F2CW), is now active and is operating as **ZM8CW** from **Raoul Island (OC-039)** now **through November 12th** or possibly **until November 23rd**. Mostly his activity is on CW 20/17/15/ 12/10 meters. However, he has also been heard on 15/12 meters SSB.

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